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DEPT PASS SECRETARY VANCE AND LABOR FOR SECRETARY MARSHALL
AND HOROWITZ

USUN FOR AMBASSADOR YOUNG; COMMERCE FOR SECRETARY KREPS;

WHITE HOUSE FOR BRZEZINSKI, JORDAN, WATSON, EIZENSTAT;

USIA FOR REINHARDT; IO FOR ASST SECY MAYNES, DEPUTY ASST
SECY DALLEY AND ALLISON PALMER; L FOR HANSELL; S/IL FOR
GOOD; S/P FOR LAK.

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: ILO
SUBJ: INFORMAL DISCUSSION AMONG G-77 MEMBERS RE ILO

1. AT THE INVITATION OF THE YUGOSLAV AMBASSADOR, LALOVIC,
WHO IS PRESENTLY THE GENEVA CHAIRMAN OF THE G-77, SORENSON
AND I MET LAST NIGHT INFORMALLY WITH THE GENEVA REPS OF
MEXICO, INDONESIA, INDIA, ARGENTINA, EGYPT, AND BALGLA-
DESH. THE SUBJECT THEY WISHED TO TALK ABOUT WAS THE ILO.
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WITHOUT EXCEPTION, THEY ALL EXPRESSED THE VIEW THAT IT
WOULD BE "DISASTROUS" FOR THE ILO AND FOR THE UN SYSTEM
AS A WHOLE IF THE US WERE TO WITHDRAW. THEY DID NOT BEG US
TO REMAIN, BUT THEY EXPRESSED THE VIEW THAT THE US SHOULD
MAINTAIN ITS MEMBERSHIP BECAUSE IT WAS IN ITS OWN INTER-
ESTS TO DO SO AND BECAUSE IT WAS RIGHT.

2. INTERESTINGLY, ALL PRESENT EXPRESSED SUPPORT FOR THE PRINCIPLE OF DUE-PROCESS, ALTHOUGH THE EGYPTIAN AMBASSADOR MADE IT CLEAR THAT, SO LONG AS THE MIDDLE EASTERN SITUATION EXISTED, IT WOULD CONTINUE TO INJECT ITSELF INTO FORA SUCH AS THE ILO. THEY REVIEWED SOME OF THE SPECIFIC MATTERS THEY HAD HAD IN MIND WITH RESPECT TO THE QUESTION OF STRUCTURE, AND IT WAS CLEAR TO US THAT THESE ITEMS WERE NEGOTIABLE. THEY SAID THAT, FOR 13 YEARS THEY HAVE BEEN TRYING TO GET THE WEST TO CONSIDER QUESTIONS OF STRUCTURE AND THEY FELT, THEREFORE, THAT IT AS ONLY REASONABLE THAT THIS ISSUE SHOULD BE CONSIDERED SIMULTANEOUSLY WITH THOSE ISSUES WHICH WERE IMPORTANT TO US. THEY ALL DEEPLY REGRETTED THE UNFORTUNATE ATMOSPHERE THAT PREVAILED IN THE LAST ILC. THEY SAID THAT, AS A GREAT POWER, WE SHOULD TRY TO UNDERSTAND HOW DIFFICULT IT WAS POLITICALLY FOR THEM TO BE SEEN TO BE ACQUIESCING TO A SERIES OF US DEMANDS, UNDER THE THREAT OF WITHDRAWAL, WITHOUT OUR BEING WILLING TO CONSIDER ISSUES THAT ARE IMPORTANT TO THEM IN RETURN. THEY AFFIRMED THEIR CONVICTION THAT PROGRESS WOULD BE POSSIBLE IF THE US COULD MAINTAIN ITS MEMBERSHIP IN THE ORGANIZATION AND GIVE THEM MORE TIME.

3. WE SAID WE WOULD RELAY THEIR VIEWS TO WASHINGTON.
VANDEN HEUVEL

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